

Society of Medalists (SOM) Medals



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Society of Medalists - History

- *Society of Medalists* Co-founded in 1929 by Clyde Curlee Trees (New Owner of the Medallic Art Company) & George DuPont Pratt (medal enthusiast and philanthropist).
- Starting in 1930, two medals were issued/yr.



**Issue #1: Hunter and dog /
Ruffed Grouse by
Laura Gardin Fraser**

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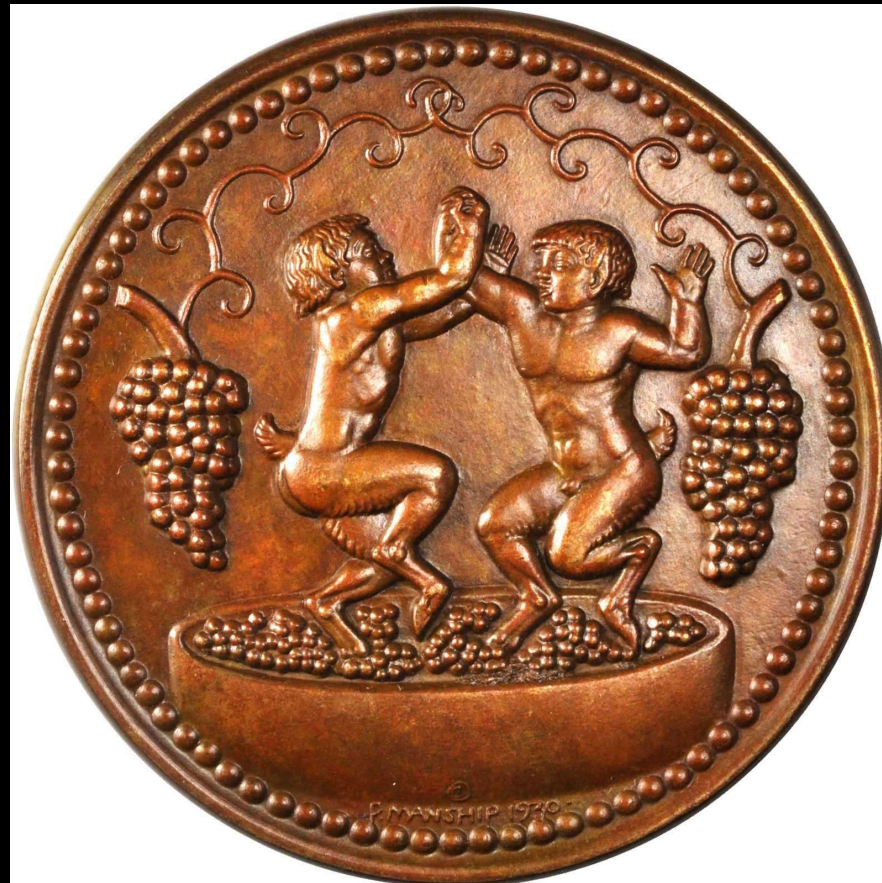
- *Starting in 1930, and for the next 66 years, issued 2 medals/yr. (~700 to ~3,200 minted/issue).*
- *Except for 1943 (silver issue) all original medals were issued in bronze medal.*
- *During these 66 years a total of 139 medals were issued (129 regular issues with one issue - 128 contained six metals - and 5 special issues).*
- *In the 1970s and 1990s, silver restrikes were issued as variants of many of the old bronze medals (Typically 30 to 175 issued; 700 authorized).*

SOM Medals – Varieties

#	Variety	Metal Type	Variety Details (6: Details at 6:00 Rim Position)	Year	Artist	Obverse	Reverse	# Minted	\$ Bronze (2002)
1	SOM 1.1	Bronze	Red-Gold Bronze with Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1930	Laura Gardin Fraser	Hunter and dog	Ruffed grouse	3,235	
	SOM 1.2	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Light Tan Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. BRONZE)						100
		Silver	73 mm dia.	1970				125 of 700	
2	SOM 2.1	Bronze	Saddle Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1930	Paul Manship	Dionysus	Satyrs treading grapes	1,950	300-400
	SOM 2.2	Bronze	Deep Hemite Red Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. BRONZE)						300-400
	SOM 2.3	Bronze	Glassy Graphite Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO. -DANBURY, CT. - BRONZE)						
		Silver	73 mm dia.	1970				50 of 700	
3	SOM 3.1	Bronze	Hermitite Red with Sea-Green Highlights around Reliefs (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1931	Hermon A. MacNeil	Indian prayer for rain	Hopi snake dance	1,713	125-150
	SOM 3.2	Bronze	Light Tan with Sea-Green Highlights (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
	SOM 3.3	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Tan Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
	SOM 3.4	Bronze	Intense Sea-Green Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
	SOM 3.4X	Bronze	Intense Sea-Green Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. BRONZE) - Unlisted Variety						125-150
		Silver	74 mm x 70 mm.	1970				25 of 700	
4	SOM 4.1	Bronze	Gold Plated (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1931	Frederick MacMonnies	Charles A. Lindbergh	Lone Eagle allegory	1,989	110-150
	SOM 4.2	Bronze	Gold Plated (6: empty)						
	SOM 4.3	Bronze	Glossy Ebony Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
	SOM 4.4	Bronze	Golden Brown with Tan Patina (6: "M: mintmark)						
		Silver	73 mm. dia.	1970				250 of 700	
5	SOM 5.1	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1932	Lee Lawne	Whatsoever a man soweth	That shall he also reap	1,617	
	SOM 5.2	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Tan Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. BRONZE)						
	SOM 5.3	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Brown Highlights (6: MACO . NY . BRONZE)						60
		Silver	73 mm dia.	1970				35 of 700	
6	SOM 6.1	Bronze	Deep Redish Brown with Sea-Green Highlights (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1932	John Flanagan	Aphrodite	Torch race	1,494	
	SOM 6.2	Bronze	Glossy Hermitite Red (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
	SOM 6.3	Bronze	Bright Malachite Green (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						85-100
	SOM 6.4	Bronze	Bright Malachite Green (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. / BRONZE)						85-100
	SOM 6.5	Bronze	Even Blue-Green with Undercurrent of Green Bronze (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.-DANBURY, CONN)						
	SOM 6.6	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Brown Patina in Fields and Brighter Spots (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)						
		Silver	73 mm dia. (6: Special Issue Society of Medallists / ©1993 Fine Silver - Medallic Art Company	1993				Unknown	
		Silver	73 mm dia. (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y. - .999+ Pure Silver)	1970				125 of 700	
7	SOM 7.1	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Brown Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.)	1933	Carl Paul Jennewein	Gloria	Fama	1,237	85-100
	SOM 7.2	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Light Tan Patina (6: MEDALLIC ART CO.N.Y.-BRONZE)						85-100
	SOM 7.3	Bronze	Golden Bronze with Light Tan Patina (6: "Empty")						
		Silver	73 mm. dia.	1970				125 of 700	

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Examples



Issue #2: 1930 Dionysus & Satyrs Treading Grapes by Paul Manship

Controversial – Dionysus god of wines – Prohibition - Brought Publicity to SOM)

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**Issue #3: 1931 3 1931 Indian Prayer for Rain & Hopi Snake Dance
by Hermon A. MacNeil -- Does the Sculptor's name sound familiar?**

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Issue #32: 1945 Wounded Soldier & Atomic Bomb Explosion by Berthold Nebel

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Issue #92: 1975 Couple Embracing & Mother and Baby by Bruno Lucchesi

SOM Medals – List of Basic Medals

SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS COLLECTOR'S GUIDE

Issue	Year	Sculptor	Obverse	Reverse
1	1930	Laura Gardin Fraser	Hunter and dog	Ruffled grouse
2	1930	Paul Manship	Dionysus	Satyrs treading grapes
3	1931	Hermon A. MacNeil	Indian prayer for rain	Hopi snake dance
4	1931	Frederick MacMonnies	Charles A. Lindbergh	Lone Eagle allegory
5	1932	Lee Lawrie	Whatsoever a man soweth	That shall he also reap
6	1932	John Flanagan	Aphrodite	Torch race
7	1933	Carl Paul Jennewein	Gloria	Fama
8	1933	Gaetano Cecere	Pegasus and men	No easy way to the stars
9	1934	Herbert Adams	Boy fishing	Little fish a prize
10	1934	Albert Laessle	American-turkey	Abundance-corn
11	1935	Lorado Taft	Great lakes	Five maidens
12	1935	Anthony de Francisci	Creation	Swirling universe
13	1936	R. Tait McKenzie	Youth putting the shot	Four runners
14	1936	Albert Stewart	Ploughman and crosses	Peace
15	1937	Robert I. Aitken	Lovers	All mankind loves a lover
16	1937	Chester Beach	In peace fathers die	In war sons die
17	1938	A. Stirling Calder	Dance of life	With pleasure and pain
18	1938	Gertrude K. Lathrop	Conserve wildlife	Antelope
19	1939	Edward McCartan	Peace in the new world	War in the old world
20	1939	John Gregory	Cere's blessing	Scarcity shall shun you
21	1940	Edmond Amateis	Aesop's fable of hawk	Dog and reflection
22	1940	Walker Hancock	Two men building	Overcoming adversity
23	1941	Joseph E. Renier	Woman and child	Prometheus
24	1941	Edwin Springweiller	Arctic-polar bear	Antarctic-penguins
25	1942	Janet Decoux	Thou sluggard	Go to the ant
26	1942	Brenda Putman	Man with airplane	Bird in flight
27	1943	Anna Hyatt Huntington	African elephant	Water hole
28	1943	Carl L. Schmitz	Freedom of speech & religion	Freedom from want & fear
29	1944	Richard Recchia	Inspiration	Aspiration
30	1944	Mahonri Young	Riggers	Riveters
31	1945	Rene P. Chambellan	Flag raising on Iwo Jima	For conquer we must
32	1945	Berthold Nebel	Wounded soldier	Atomic bomb explosion
33	1946	Joseph Kiselewski	World peace	Dove and olive branch
34	1946	Sidney Waugh	Privacy makes innocent	Nameless worthy
35	1947	Bruce Moore	Eternal vigilance	Destruction
36	1947	Henry Kreis	Wise virgins	Foolish virgins
37	1948	Michael Lantz	John the Baptist	Salome
38	1948	Thomas Lo Medico	Pursuit of happiness	Good will toward men
39	1949	Adolph A. Weinman	Genesis	Web of destiny
40	1949	Leo Friedlander	Harmony	Creates tranquility
41	1950	Donal Hord	Man must sow	To reap
42	1950	Cecil Howard	Peace is life	War is death
43	1951	Albert A. Wein	God the creator	Creating heaven & earth
44	1951	Wheeler Williams	Madonna and child	Lamb
45	1952	James Earl Fraser	Pony Express	New Frontiers
46	1952	Karl Gruppe	Eagle	Boy Scouts
47	1953	Gifford MacGregor Proctor	Fish	Dry fly lure
48	1953	Peter Dalton	Brotherhood	Swords into ploughshares
49	1954	Adam Beiskie	Art goddess	Sculptor's tools
50	1954	Ivan Mestrovic	Socrates	Plato
51	1955	Malvina Hoffman	Races of man	No man is an island
52	1955	Georg Lober	Hans Christian Andersen	150th Anniversary
53	1956	John Angel	Adam and Eve	Annunciation of Virgin
54	1956	Paul Fjelde	Walt Whitman	Leaves of Grass
55	1957	Pietro Montana	St. Francis of Assisi at prayer	St. Francis and leper
56	1957	Donald De Lue	Creator of universe	Creator of man
57	1958	Charles Rudy	Year's at the spring	Day's at the morn
58	1958	Jean de Marco	Clown with horn	Music and drama
59	1959	Allan Rouser	Apache fire dancer	Buffalo hunt
60	1959	Katherine Weems	Puma	Wild fowl
61	1960	Leo Lentelli	Romulus and Remus	Constantine the Great
62	1960	Adlai S. Hardin	Three wisemen	Nativity
63	1961	Adolph Block	Pilgrims landing	Holy cause of liberty
64	1961	Nat Chote	Goliath	David
65	1962	Oronzio Malderelli	Dancers	Bathers
66	1962	Carl Mose	This our heritage	This our land
67	1963	Karen Worth	To the stars	Spirit of the space age
68	1963	Joseph A. Coletti	Glory of God	Great frigate bird
69	1964	Robert A. Weinman	Honor to Socrates	Light of knowledge
70	1964	Frank Eliscu	Underwater swimmer	Seascape
71	1965	Margaret Grigor	Alaska	Hawaii

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72	1965	Elizabeth Weistrop	Sower of the forest	Squirrels	113	1986	Marika Somogyi	Woman looking in mirror	Devel watching through mirror
73	1966	Robert Lohman	Nature	Creativity	114	1986	Alex Shagin	Children circling globe	Earth from space
74	1966	Ralph J. Menconi	Thomas Jefferson	Liberty	115	1987	Robert A. Weinman	Cat and mouse	Cat behind cheese
75	1967	Herring Coe	Flying sauser	Hippocampus and mermaid	116	1987	Robert Cronbach	Sunrise	Moonrise
76	1967	Donald R. Miller	Five forms of life	Wilderness is preservation	117	1988	Leonda Finke	The Prodigal Son - departure	Emotional Reunion
77	1968	Nina Winkel	Girls dancing	Boys building	118	1988	Patrica Lewis-Verani	Snow - Eskimo and dog sled	Sand - Arab on Camel
78	1968	Terry Lies	Medical research	Spider and web	119	1989	Nicola d'Alton Moss	Charles Darwin	Giant Galapagos turtle
79	1969	Bruno Mankowski	Paul Bunyan	Johnny Appleseed	120	1989	Keiichi Uryu	Man is Strength	Woman is Love and Beauty
80	1969	Boris Buzan	Space control room	Astronaut on moon	121	1990	Eugene Daub	Spirit of fire	Depiction of ice
81	1970	Julian Hoke Harris	Uncle Remus tales	Brer Rabbit in briar patch	122	1990	Marcel Jovine	Michelangelo's Creation	Biblical prophesy
82	1970	Tom Allen, Jr.	Flame of life	Pro vita	123	1991	Michael Meszaros	Winding Staircase	Staircase Looking Down
83	1971	Hal Reed	Four scientists	Unleashing the atom	124	1992	Joseph Sheppard	Icarus in flight toward the sun	Icarus in free fall
84	1971	Elbert Weinberg	Pandora one	Atomic cloud	125	1993	Don Everhart III	Tyrannosaurus Rex	Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil
85	1972	Sten Jacobsson	Christ and multitude	Pagan joys	126	1993	Karen Worth	Adam and Eve	Retribution
86	1972	John Edward Svenson	Chilkat Chieftan	Indian carvings	127	1994	Amuhullah Haiderzad	The Old Kabul Bazaar	
87	1973	Mico Kaufman	Youth with guitar	Soldier carrying wounded	128	1994	Don Everhart III	Set of six dinosaur medals	Dinosaur fossils
88	1973	Edward R. Grove	Alphabets of the world	English alphabet	129	1995	Geri Gould	Last Supper	Nativity, Baptism, Crucifixion, and Resurrection
89	1974	Laszlo Ispanky	Girl in spring	Youth in fall					
90	1974	Stanley Bleifeld	Chinese philosophers	Chinese landscape					
91	1975	Frederick Shrady	Courage and hope	Bird in flight					
92	1975	Bruno Lucchesi	Couple embracing	Mother and baby					
93	1976	Harvey Weiss	Grasshopper	Whale					
94	1976	Anthony Notaro	Pilgrims	Mayflower					
95	1977	Harry Marinsky	Youth dreaming	Castle in Spain					
96	1977	Stephen Robin	Tutankhamun	Egyptian pectoral					
97	1978	Robert Cook	Music	Dance					
98	1978	Moissaya Marans	Dawn	Dusk					
99	1979	Donald A. borja	Helios the Sun God	Solar energy					
100	1979	Linda Harper	Laughter	Tears					
101	1980	Marcel Jovine	Unicorn	Medieval procession					
102	1980	Edward Fenno Hoffman III	Alice in Wonderland	Winnie the Pooh					
103	1981	Laci de Gerenday	Cougar	Deer in woods					
104	1981	Elizabeth Gordon Chandler	Visual arts	Performing arts					
105	1982	John Cook	Faun with pipes	Man with mask					
106	1982	Don Everhart II	Dance of the dolphins	Dolphins leaping					
107	1983	Joseph Di Lorenzo	Excalibur	Camalot					
108	1983	Carter Jones	George Balanchine	Dancers					
109	1984	Dexter Jones	Clown	Harlequin and Columbine					
110	1984	Margaret C. Ellison	Bands of living creatures	Zodiac					
111	1985	Donald De Lue	Man bursting the bounds	Back of man					
112	1985	Richard McDermott Miller	Girl escaping man	Man capturing girl					

Thank You

Any Questions or Comments?